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SUBJECT: TCH – Section I – Reference File in the Electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG)

Purpose: To announce the revisions and changes in documents located in eFOTG under Section I – Reference File – Agronomy (AGR).

Expiration Date: January, 2004

As part of NRCS's electronic government initiative, we are replacing where possible paper versions of documents in the Reference File with digital documents or websites. This action has major benefits including making information more readily available to the public including Technical Service Providers and reducing the NRCS file cabinets needed to store paper documents. This is the first of several bulletins that will be issued to fully implement this goal. Below find a list of documents that have been replaced with digital documents or websites. If the document is followed by the term "was paper copy", please remove and destroy the paper copy from the Reference File. It is not NRCS's policy to require the printing and filing of these "word documents".

AGRONOMY (AGR)

General

- Sustainable Agriculture Fact Sheet Bulletin #2260 **(was paper copy now a word document)**
- Soil Organic Matter **(was paper copy now a website)**
- Lead in the Soil **(was a paper copy now a website)**
- Frost-Seeding Low-Tech Wonder or Wishful Thinking **(was paper copy now a word document)**
- Forage Seedings: Avoiding the Perennial Headache **(was paper copy now a word document)**
- Soil Biology Primer **(was paper copy now a website)**
- Maine Agronomy Tech Note: Soil Water Management **(was a website now a word document)**

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Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning

- CNMP Fact Sheet (**was website now a word document**)
- Sample Farm CNMP (**was website now a word document**)

Conservation Tillage

- Measuring Crop Residue for Silage Corn (**was paper copy now a word document**)

Cover Crops

- Intercropping Cover Crops with Corn (**was paper copy now a word document**)

Critical Area Seeding

- Revegetating Sand and Gravel Borrow Pits in Maine (**was paper copy now a word document**)
- Filling Bare Spots in Blueberry Field (**new website**)

Hay/Haylage

- Round Bale Silage (**was paper copy now a word document**)
- Alfalfa Winter, Fall and Forage Options for 1992 (**was paper copy now a word document**)
- Selecting Forage Crops for Your Farm (**was website now a word document**)
- Growing Forage Legumes in Maine (**was website now a word document**)
- Growing Forage Grasses in Maine (**was website now a word document**)
- Storage of Large Round Bales (**was paper copy now a word document**)

Nutrient Management

- The Maine Nitrogen Soil Test for Corn (**was paper copy now a word document**)
- Nitrogen Fertilizer Choices – UMCE Bulletin 7097 (**was paper copy now a word document**)
- Applying Fertilizers on Home Gardens (**paper copy now a website**)
- Soil Potassium Management: Excessive Soil K (**was website now a word document**)
- Manure Utilization Guidelines – MDAFRR, 2001 (**was paper copy now a word document**)

Pasture

- Economics of Continuous vs. Short Duration Grazing (**was a paper copy now a word document**)
- Prescribed Grazing Management to Improve Pasture Productivity in New York (**was paper copy now a website**)
- Farmer Profitability with Intensive Grazing (**was paper copy now a website**)
- Another Look at Pasture Management (**was paper copy now a word document**)
- Managing and Monitoring Rotational Grazing System (**was paper copy now a word document**)
- Stage of Growth for Mowing or Rotation Grazing (**was paper copy now a word document**)
- Watering Systems for Livestock Bulletin 7129 (**was a paper copy now a word document**)

- Introduction to Management Intensive Grazing (**was paper copy now a word document**)
- Poisonous Plants in a Pasture Setting (**was a paper copy now a website**)

Small Grain

- Potato Facts – Producing Barley in Maine (**was paper copy now a word document**)

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